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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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For: FLUID COUPLING ASSEMBLY WITH  
INTEGRAL RETENTION MECHANISM

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sirs:

Prior to an examination of the merits of the above-identified application, please enter the following amendments: